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Hello Nahal and Stacy,

I'm a reporter with The Coast News in Encinitas. I sent this public records request to EPA press contact Julia Valentine June 21 after sending her multiple emails asking for the information. I've yet to receive a reply.

I'm hoping one of you could help me.

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of aquifer exemption permits in San Diego County.

I understand the Environmental Protection Agency issued 1,500 of these permits across the nation. Again, I'm specifically interested in the aquifer exemption permits in San Diego County.

I agree to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Jared

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